



St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead



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Week commencing: 15th November 2020 Second Sunday before Advent

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. *Jeremiah 17. 7-8*

This little passage from the Old Testament was sent to me by a friend this week. It struck me as very beautiful, and also encouraging as we continue to journey through challenging times. We have already celebrated Lent, Holy Week and Easter in a very different way. Now we look to Christmas, which will be very different too this year, even if some restrictions are lifted.

As we approach Advent and the start of a new year for the church, it is good to remind ourselves that, however feeble our trust in God may feel, it is there and He is there, with us in these most strange of times. Perhaps this is time to re-commit ourselves to following God and trusting in His refreshing and sustaining love.

Next week is 'Stir-up Sunday'. Have you made your Christmas pudding yet? Watch out for an Advent delivery from St. Luke's in the next couple of weeks, a little 'something' to help you through Advent.

This Sunday we are offering a Zoomed Service of the Word, broadcast from church, at 10 am. The order of service is attached to the weekly email and can be found on the website too. Please do join us, and you might like to 'stay for coffee' (yes, provide your own!) and to join a breakout room to chat to others for a while. The link to join the service is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85097790796?pwd=NUlBZE5PL3hIOFEyUm11OTNxc0lnUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 9779 0796

Password: 900393

We will continue to offer a Zoom Morning Prayer daily at 9am (except Mondays, **and the next three Sundays, resuming Sunday 6th Dec.**) and Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays. The order of service can be found on our website or the Daily Prayer App. Just ask if you need help finding it. The links are:

Zoom Morning Prayer,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84140066083?pwd=ZlZ0bXgvQ0t1UTlZcW10YlFNSnpPZz09>

Meeting ID: 841 4006 6083

Passcode: 544130

Zoom Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350227277?pwd=Qnh0T0E1YXFid09BeDZTUUFFxa2JCQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 5022 7277

Passcode: 262906

Morning Prayer, daily (except Monday) on Zoom

Readings for the week beginning Sunday 15th November are:

Sunday	Psalm 98	Revelation 4	
Monday	Psalm 47	Daniel 8.1-14	Revelation 10
Tuesday	Psalm 52	Daniel 8. 15-end	Revelation 11.1-14
Wednesday	Psalm 56	Daniel 9. 1-19	Revelation 11.15-end
Thursday	Psalm 62	Daniel 9. 20-end	Revelation 12
Friday	Psalm 63	Daniel 10.1-11.1	Revelation 13.1-10
Saturday	Psalm 78. 1-39	Daniel 12	Revelation 13.11-end
Sunday	Psalm 20	Luke 19. 29-38	

Evening Prayer at 5pm on Fridays, on Zoom

The readings for the coming week are: Psalm 77 Matthew 8. 23-end

Sundays at Six: Night Prayer on Zoom on the first and third Sundays of each month, use the little blue book: 'Prayers for the use of the Church during the coronavirus outbreak'.

Next: **TONIGHT** 15th November

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362755135?pwd=bmZYRkdIbW1SUjhtaHINMnBDTzF1QT09>

Meeting ID: 823 6275 5135

Passcode: 737489

All Saints Church is holding **Night Prayer on Zoom**, weekly at 8pm on Thursdays, and anyone is welcome to join in.

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For all people coping with another national lockdown
- For our care for all creation
- That all national and local leaders might work together for the health and wellbeing of our nation and all people
- For President-Elect Biden and the people of the USA
- For all NHS staff, carers, Care Home staff and those caring for the sick, and for those in RBWM who are testing positive for Covid 19.
- For our brothers and sisters of faith at the Synagogue, Mosques, Gurdwara and elsewhere
- For the people of Armenia and Azerbaijan, that fighting may cease and ordinary people and their homes might be protected
- For our planning for the Christmas Tree Trail.
- Those whose anniversary of baptism falls in November: Eddie Freear, Arthur Freear, Lillian Pyrke, Owen Green, Lilly Hutchinson, Robert Midgley, Beatrix Ribton, Isabella Burdett, Fred Wilson.
- For all those who live and work in Raven Drive
- The sick and those who care for them: John Francis, Tony Lucas, Monica Olley, Stan Swansborough, Tony Boaks, and Mick Curley
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them: Frederick Hall, Meg Widdicombe
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in November: Joan Joyce, Stuart Courtier, Eileen Hurst, Ruth Keys, Mary Church, Thomas Speakman, Peter Bell, Margaret Bowdery, George Newman, Catherine Vincent, Trevor Headington, Francisca Knowles, Marcus Lawes, James Herbert, Mary Fox, Alice Newman, Roy Rance, Brian Roberts, Charles Hummer, Evelyn Surridge, Olive Powell, Beryl Maguire, Jack Jones, John Lovegrove, Dennis Jones, Christopher Haywood.

Rotas for next week (Christ the King) – on Zoom:

Read: Bridget Morris (Ephesians 1.15-end)

Intercede: Shula Tajima

Our church is floodlit at night.

*This week the floodlighting has been sponsored this week by Mike and Lisa:
'praying for safety, patience and kindness during lockdown'*



To sponsor the floodlighting just call or email Revd. Sally.

What's on... and other news...

Do stay in touch with us during lockdown – and let us know if there us anything you need.

We have become aware that some people's internet provision is not as good as it might be with slower speeds and poor quality. If you are having difficulty you like to ask Dave Sopp's advice, he has helped a number of people recently – Revd Sally is very happy to forward enquiries.

Well prepared: our course on living well and being prepared for our ending (and letting go into new life) comes to an end this week. Thanks to everyone who has contributed. Last week's session included some beautiful music as we shared our choices of 'music to go out to'!

If you have not already done so, you may like to think about the choices you would like for you own funeral (hopefully a long way ahead, but we never know ...). You could note down somewhere accessible your thoughts about music, hymns, readings and so on. Funerals are important occasions and here at St. Luke's we seek to make them as personal as possible, with a message of thanksgiving for lives well lived and hope in eternal life.

The *DeathLife* website has this lovely prayer walk that is really intended to be set up in church but with a little preparation you could do this at home. Why not try?

<https://www.deathlife.org.uk/living-well/prayer-walk/>

Quiet morning: And in preparation for Advent, Revd. Phyl will be leading a Zoomed Quiet Morning on Saturday 28th November, from 9.45 am p- 12.30 pm. Everyone is warmly invited to join in , having a little space for reflection together on Zoom and in the comfort of your own home - or walking nearby. It would help Phyl if you could just her know that you'd like to join in – she may have a little something to get to you beforehand! Email: fourbeaus@btinternet.com

Advent Sunday: on 29th November our 10 am service will be the Advent Ring Service, zoomed from church. At this service, which is familiar to many of you, we will be lighting all five of the candles on our Advent Ring as we recall the story of Advent. You may like to have your own Advent Ring or Wreath at home and light your candles along with us. Traditionally the church uses three purple candles (the colour of the season), one pink (for Mary) and a white in the centre, but you could use any candles you like, of any shape or size or colour. At Messy Church the following Friday we will make Mini Advent Rings with coloured nightlights.

Christmas Tree (Trail (in lieu of a festival):

So far we have just over 30 trees booked into out trail – we need at least double that so please do encourage people to take part. We also need now:

Offers of help to distribute posters etc

You to print and display the CTT poster with this email

TELL people about it and encourage entries

Prayer for the whole event.

Messy Church: we will be doing Messy Christmas at 4pm on Zoom on Friday 4th December. Do contact Revd. Sally for the Zoom link (not public for safeguarding reasons) and for an advance craft pack.

Bishop Olivia led our last Deanery Synod with a very helpful address and discussion. You can hear her address here: <https://youtu.be/ydQLmU-1IZA>

Smile Amazon Fundraising: as you do your online Christmas shopping, don't forget to sue Amazon Smile and EasyFundraising:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> **1129951** will immediately list just us in the search results – click the Select button to confirm the choice.

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlukesmaidenhead>

We are supporting **ROAD SAFETY WEEK**
by **Brake**, the road safety charity

Need advice on driving safely, for longer?

FREE webinars:

OLDER DRIVERS FORUM

“ Keeping older people on the road safely, for longer ”

Monday 16th November - 'Older Drivers Confidence building appraisals - an overview'

Wednesday 18th November - 'Older Drivers advice on driving with medical conditions and eyesight'

Friday 20th November - 'Older Drivers - Safe driving tips'

Visit the www.olderdriversforum.com for further information and to book your place

If you know of someone who would like to receive this update and does not have access to the internet, please do print a copy for them. Please note that the church office is open on reduced hours so urgent communication should be to the vicarage telephone and my email. Vicar: The Reverend Sally Lynch (01628) 783033

The Annual Year Book with contact details for key parish personally can be accessed on the church website:

<https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f43dadd67a8/content/pages/documents/1596271439.pdf>